

ANORAKS
WEEKLY REPORT

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Welcome to the first issue of this year, let's hope there will be plenty to report throughout. 1985 proved to be a good year for news, not all good, we are afraid to say, but there certainly was no shortage.

Following the sad death of Roland 'Buster' Pearson just before Christmas, the cremation took place last Friday, 4th January, at Southend Crematorium. The chapel was packed for the short service and many had to stand. Free radio organisations and stations were very well represented and such well known people as Ronan O'Rahilly, Princess Joan and Prince Michael of Sealand, and Charlie Wolf were among the mourners, just showing how very popular Buster was. Following the service, the majority of people went on to St. Saviour's Church Hall, which the Caroline Movement had booked for the day, for people to meet up, and pay their last respects. A free buffet was also provided by CM and many people stayed till well after 6.00pm., just chatting. Charlie Wolf read a short lesson which we thought was rather fitting. It was agreed by Buster's close colleagues that the event should be made an annual one, as Buster himself often suggested there should be something to bring people together each year, so it was agreed to meet up on the occasion of Buster's birthday.

The latest issue of Offshore Echos Magazine, No. 59, duly arrived in time for the end of the year. We have both the French and English versions in stock, and the prices are £1.70 each. You can still subscribe for £8.00 for a year(5 issues), for a further short period. If you send your £8.00 now, your subscription will commence with issue 59. As always, packed with news, information, interviews and loads of pictures which makes this magazine the No.1 in free radio.

We have just received a consignment of jumbo colour postcards of Laser 558. The postcard is exactly the same as the poster which we have been selling regularly up till quite recently. We are currently out of stock of the posters, but, as some consolation, we now have these postcards, which we expect will sell very well. They are priced at 25p each or 5 for £1.00.

This is the only extra merchandise this week, but also arriving on our desk we find the latest issues of Play-DX(in Italian), Radiotelex(in English) and FRS Goes DX(in English).FRS Holland can be heard on Short Wave each month, usually on 6206khz., via Radio Delmare and their magazine appears just after this transmission each month. This little but informative magazine keeps you in the picture about the free radio scene: the latest news and back-ground info of FRS - Holland. News from short wave, medium wave and offshore. Articles regarding free radio topics and interesting radio stations. To obtain a subscription to FRS Holland magazine, send £3.50 or 15 Guilders, to FRS - Holland, Postbus 41, 7700AA Dedemsvaart, Holland, or an IRC for their information leaflets. On the subject of IRC's, it appears that most countries are now falling in line, and charging almost double what one can get back, for them. Whilst some organisations ask for IRC's, we think it is a bit of a rip off, and ask that instead, you send us a small currency note, or even stamps of your country, but not foreign coins. If you do send coins(within the U.K.), please tape them to a card, as once again this week, we have had ripped envelopes with £1 coins removed from them.

The cuttings from the newspapers are a bit thin on the ground this week, with just a report from the Southend Evening Echo on Buster's death, a small piece from the Daily Mail about Stereo 531, a tiny funny piece from Financial Times

and a French piece from Liberation about the DTI giving up with Caroline. The remainder are fillers. A couple of items about new pirate ship(s) have been delayed in the post and will hopefully appear in next week's cuttings. Price for this single sheet is 10p plus SAE. To join "CC", send £5.00, if you are a member of "WR", and you will receive all cuttings each week, for a year.

Finally, we must apologise for delays occurring in the despatch of goods. This is due to us taking a few days off, but will be over and done with in a matter of days, when things will once again be back to normal.

On to radio station news now, and, as usual starting with Ireland. Next week, we shall be running a larger feature than normal on the Irish scene.

IRELAND. Two main reports this week, one from Dublin and one from Cork, starting with the former, **CAPITOL RADIO** appear to have returned on 96.0mhz., in stereo. The station can also be heard on medium wave, on 1035khz. Activity on 1116khz., of late has been noted as **KISS FM or AVELON**, sometimes both, at the same time! Around about Christmas, a station heard on 104.5mhz., eventually identified itself as **RADIO RAINBOW**. About the same time, **RADIO GALAXY** was also noted, on 1530khz., but conspicuous by its absence this year, was Radio Snowflake. One bright spot over the holiday period, was the return of Eamon Cooke of **RADIO DUBLIN**, with station news. He also made a toy appeal during the broadcast. It is not yet known whether these broadcasts are back

on a regular basis. On **RADIO NOVA**, Tony Allan has been heard rather a lot of late, on news, in place of Sybil Fennell. News from that station just in, indicates that Jessie Brandon has now left the station, as from 1st January. No other major changes of note over this period.

Now, on to Paul Graham's Cork report: I arrived in Cork on Sunday 18th December 1985 and made my way over to Bandon, some 18 miles away, where I was to take up an on-air position with the local station, WKLR. I was to present the 10.00pm till 2.00am late showm which I was looking forward to doing. Whilst in Cork City, I was able to hear WBEN on 98mhz FM, Radio ERI on both AM and FM, and of course, South Coast Radio, although the station now, bore no resemblance to the station of the same name a couple of years ago. In fact, the present station sounded very amateurish and more like CCLR, which was never Cork's best station. WBEN I was suitably impressed with, although upon visiting the studio, just off Patrick Street in Cork, within earshot of ERI's offices, I was not able to gain admission, as security was pretty tight. South Coast Radio are located at the top, or bottom, whichever you prefer, of North Main Street in a very decayed and run-down building with virtually no lights on the stairs or entry to the small two roomed studios. There was no office or reception area, and it became plainly obvious that the station was being run on a shoe-string budget. Nevertheless, enthusiasm was high, especially as I had brought a medium wave transmitter with me, which South Coast intended to buy in order to put on their long-awaited medium wave service. I surveyed the rear of the premises, and to my delight, found a long-wire medium wave antenna already in place, as they had already purchased a medium wave transmitter from Dublin with something like ten 807 valves in the P.A. I had my doubts as to whether this rig would ever work.

I left Cork City to go over to Bandon to start work on WKLR. I remained there only two weeks, returning to England on Christmas Eve, fed up with Irish pirate radio. The details as to why I left are too lengthy to go into here, but I very much doubt if I shall ever return to work over there again. Finally, I did notice whilst in Cork City, that Radio Caroline Cork were missing from 1557khz., although some station was heard testing on 101.5mhz. FM from time to time, with a great signal in the city itself. Coming soon, in "WR", I shall take a look at WBEN, and ERI(my old employers). I feel that WBEN have the potential to take away a great number of ERI's listeners, but the question is, do they have the money?

Our thanks to Paul for that brief run-down of radio in that area, we look forward to his next article.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Pete Jeffries sends us a brief report from this area. Present line-up....Mid-night, Mark Edwards....03.00, Pete Jeffries....06.00, Greg Fairlie.....09.00, Gary 'B'....mid-day, Ralph Lister....15.00, Kassach....16.00, Pete Jeffries.....18.00, Ralph Lister....19.30, Greg Fairlie....21.00, AM/FM split, with Gary

'B' on FM. Dave James currently on shore leave.

Mark Edwards has returned to the ship to help out whilst new presenters arrive. He was on the ship earlier last year and has returned to Israel to see a friend.

CAROLINE.

Not many major happenings this week. Having travelled down to Southend, we found both signals sounding very good once we had got South of Birmingham. The new split service at 21.00 nightly commenced last Wednesday, with normal music on 558 and albums tracks and the like on 'Overdrive' on 963. This ran for four hours until 01.00. This can only be good for the station, but it seemed strange to have Tom Anderson on 963 and Andy Johnson on 558, both playing similar music. Still, it's early days yet, who knows.

No further staff changes on Caroline have been noted since Nick Richards came off last week, but seas have generally been fairly rough of late, making tendering a bit difficult.

A report by Ronnie Simmons about Monique seems to have gone missing in the post. We will therefore include Monique news as soon as we receive some more.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves has been the only station we have heard again this week, and they have now reduced broadcasting hours. 1242khz., the channel, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW, the address. Tim Jackson from this area reports that Central Radio Int., made a brief return over the holiday period, but did not last very long. 1404khz., the channel in question here, 18 Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF, the address. Concept Radio were also logged by Tim, on 104.4mhz. over the period, with the same address as Central. Tim goes on to report that WABC/WFM/C-104 got together for a special broadcast last Sunday evening, when they were noted from 19.15. Things apparently did not go as planned and overall the broadcast was disappointing.

LEEDS. Radio Radar were noted last weekend, testing on 104.3mhz in stereo and giving out an address of P.O. Box 20, Leeds LS27 OSN. The signal in the area was reported to be a bit ropey at first, but improved greatly later. Today, the station is on with full programmes.

THE MIDLANDS. Quite a selection of stations heard in that area over the holiday. PCRL, UK Radio, County Radio, Subway Sound, Wrekin Radio and Bedside Radio. The latter on 94.0mhz.

SOUTH. Apollo DX reports that they have news of a station based in Devon, called Spacewave Radio, who have been on the air daily over the Christmas period on 94.0mhz., and plan to continue 2 hours each Sunday. No mailing address is yet known, but the station are thought to be based in Newton Abbot.

Some news now from Radio Boulogne Littoral(RBL). As from 23rd December 1985, RBL's International service will be on the air Sunday nights also. The present schedule will now read...Sunday night/Monday morning, 22.00 till 05.00 and Monday night/Tuesday morning, 19.00

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The English side has also taken over the non-stop music service from the French, and so there is now non stop English music, along with I.D.'s and jingles the other nights of the week that the English normal service is not running.

For any keen FM dx-er, the station can be found on 91.6mhz. One recent report came from as far away as Torquay in Devon, over three hundred miles away. Current D.J. line-up is...Mark Allen, Tim Stewart, Stuart Clark, Tony Simon, Mike Newman, Ian Anderson and Steve Archer. The Mailing address is P.O. Box 5 etc.

LONDON. South East Sound expect to be back on the air on 19th January we understand, with the "Alternative Chipping Sodbury" programme. Just a brief report today from this area, Alice's Restaurant were logged on 93.0., LWR on 92.2 and Starpoint on 88.6mhz.

Finally, a few items just come in after the above was compiled. 23rd January is the date for the next Radio Paradijs court case to take place in Holland. We have just had word from Radiotelex who tell us that when we receive the next edition, which should be issue 64, in it, it says that the present edition will be the final one. We understand that this is not now so, as the production of same has been taken over by a colleague. The new address for RT is...c/o Guempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany.

Back in Ireland, Q 102's "Eye In The Sky" project looks set to take off tomorrow Monday. This project has been on the cards for some time. It is being sponsored by Fiat and a local helicopter firm. More details on this will follow, including a newspaper report.

Finally congrats. to Bernie Jamieson and Paul Cotter on the birth of a daughter on Xmas day

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. LOG FOR SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 1986.

6200khz...FALCON RADIO(via IRRS), at 1014, 1132 and 1213gmt.
6225khz...RADIO WAVES INTERNATIONAL, at 0845 and 0935gmt.
6230khz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 1101, 1104 and 1207gmt.
6240khz...SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING, at 0900, 0950 and 1105gmt.
6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 0938, 0950 and 1052gmt., also heard, Free Radio Show.
6260khz...RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL, at 0930, 1106 and 1140gmt.
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 1137 and 1145gmt.
6295khz...RADIO PLUTO, at 1221gmt., calling CQ.
6299khz...RADIO PAMELA, at 1124 and 1130gmt.
6303khz...UNID.,at 1140gmt.
6305khz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1111gmt., calling CQ.
6308/10kz.RADIO PENFOLD, at 1342gmt.
6310khz...P.F.B.S., at 1053 and 1104gmt.
6310khz...RADIO IRELAND, at 1100, 1158 and 1231gmt.
6317khz...UNID.,("a station on...."), at 1055gmt.
6340khz...F.M.T.R., at 0945 and 1110gmt.
6400khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 1105 and 1150gmt.
7315khz...RADIO SOUND OF SWITZERLAND, at 0915 and 1000gmt.
7316khz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 1101gmt., in parallel with 6230khz.
7350khz...RADIO 101, at 0910 and 0957gmt.

Today's loggers were ourselves, Dave Small, Dave Knight and Glen Hocking.

LOGS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

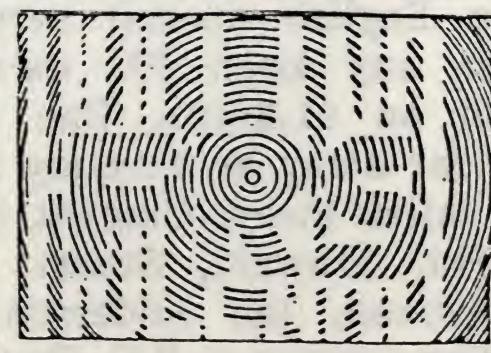
6230khz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1135gmt.
6235khz...P.F.B.S. at 1305gmt.
6240khz...RADIO PAMELA, at 1305gmt.
6240khz...P.F.B.S.
6265khz...SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING,at 0923 and 1143gmt.
6273khz...SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING, at 1145gmt.
6275khz...RADIO WAVES INTERNATIONAL at 0923gmt.
6299khz...RADIO PAMELA, at 1020gmt.
6300khz...F.M.T.R., at 0923 and 1130gmt.
6305khz...RADIO R.I.D.ICULOUS, at 1130 and 1136gmt.
6319khz...KLA BM BROADCASTING, at 1020 and 1030gmt.
6320khz...UNID., at 1200gmt.
6350khz...UNID., at 0938gmt.(Na nGael?).

Loggers on this occasion were Glen Hocking, ourselves and Dave Small.

Free Radio Service Holland

INT. MUSIC RADIO ON 41/48 M.

FRS-Holland has produced an excellent 55 minute video-tape. This video contains the recordings for the December 30th 1984 programmes as well as shots taken on the original transmitter-location with the short wave transmitter and aerial. Also a few very funny extracts of video-clips have been inserted to make it even more interesting!! Now it's your chance to see the faces behind the scene and how the programmes are recorded in the FRS-Holland studio. If you have a radio heart this video-tape will entertain you from the first till the very last second. The video and audio montage have been done separately to get the best result.



HOW TO PAY THIS VIDEO-TAPE??

There are three possibilities:

- 1) Enclose the money in an envelope. Do it in a safe way!!
- 2) Send an eurocheque in an envelope. Don't forget your number and signature. Fill it up in Dutch guilders.
- 3) Send any other cheque which is a legal tender. If you choose for this possibility, you have to add 10% because the bank will charge 10% when we exchange your cheque!

The price of the first ever-produced video-tape of a free radio short wave station which is for sale amounts to DM 69.00 / £ 16.50. But if you are a member of our listenersclub the price amounts to DM 59.00 / £ 14.00 !! In other words: for DM 69.00 / £ 16.50 PLUS DM 5.00 / £ 1.20 you have that excellent video and you are for 12 months a member and that means every month you'll get 'FRS goes DX', a very informative radio-magazine (annual subscription of the magazine is DM 15.00 / £ 3.50).

As soon as we get an order, immediately a verification of your payment will be sent to your address. Term of delivery is + 3 weeks. You receive a high-quality tape in a solid packing. You can make your choice out of 2 systems: Betamax and V.H.S. (and if really necessary Philips 2000). You won't regret it since this is an unique document!!

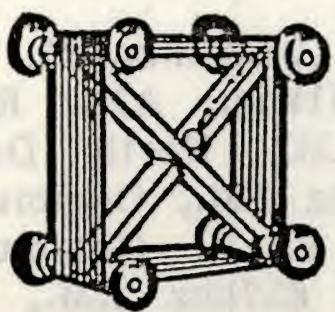
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Fill it up and send it to: FRS-Holland -Peter Verbruggen-
P.O.Box 41- 7700 AA Dedemsvaart-
The Netherlands.

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No. 89....12th JANUARY 1986.

We must apologise for the late arrival of Weekly Report, and merchandise ordered over the last few days. This is entirely due to us taking a few days off. Hopefully all the back-log should be cleared by this coming weekend(18th/19th January). We must also apologise to our Irish readers who seem to be suffering at the hands of either their postal people or ours, we are not sure which, but we do know that there are great delays with the Irish mail. Final apologies to people who ordered station lists(the Irish station lists will be available in a matter of days, the British Isles lists shortly after), Laser and Caroline posters, and Caroline stickers,(we are having some problems obtaining supplies). Goods ordered will be despatched the minute we receive them. Other items temporarily out of stock should be despatched within days only.

Two B4 sheets of cuttings this week, packed with stories and pictures concerning Ireland's Q 102 radio station's new project, "Eye in the sky", more reports about new offshore stations, a story about ex-Caroline jock, Dixie Peach, a tiny piece about the Laser vessel and an advert for Radio North Sea International!, with not only a Zurich address but a Bedford P.O. Box No.!! A few lesser important cuttings have been held over and will appear next week provided no major happenings occur, filling the press with stories. Price for these two sheets is 20p plus an SAE, but you can join our "Cuttings Club" by sending us just £5.00, for which you will receive the cuttings for one year, each week with your report. Only "WR" subscribers can avail of this service, and we cannot back date any cuttings subscriptions. Back copies can be purchased at the price listed right here each week. From time to time, special offers on batches of back copies are made. This week, we can offer all back copies from Issue 50(start) to today(89) for £8.00 for 80 B4 sheets.

We are sorry to harp on about it, but we are still concerned about the safety of your money in the Post. Please tape all coins to a card. In the absence of English pound notes, please feel free to use postage stamps, 12p and/or 17p ones are fine, in place. Remember it is quite costly to issue a cheque for such small amounts. Avoid using IRC's, the post people only give us 22p each for them, and they cost you much more than that. We will take them however if you wish. Foreign currency notes are fine, even foreign stamps for small amounts, but no foreign coins thanks. Irish readers can send cheques and postal orders, but please make them payable to **B.F. JOHNSTON**, in fact, all cheques, postal orders and bank drafts must be made payable in this way.

More apologies now, this time, to Paul Cotter and Bernie (Jamieson). Last week, we were informed that Bernie had given birth to a baby girl, to be called Carol. In view of the name, Peter Madison thought she was born on Christmas Day, but in actual fact it was just into New Year's Day, and she was the first in the country, consequently appearing on RTE television later. Once again best wishes to all three. Paul was transmitter engineer at Dublin's Radio Nova until quite recently, Bernie was a news-reader on the same station.

Nothing new in merchandise this week at all. The only items to arrive on our desk were latest copy of Radiotelex(telling us that it was the final issue, but, apparently not now, as someone else has taken over. We will advise when we get more details, although we printed the new mailing address last week), latest from Radio Victoria, Free Radio Fanzine Issue 6/85 from Roger Kirk c/o Postfach 1214, 6380 Bad Homburg, West Germany and LOTTO 6/49 fact sheets, kindly sent in by Alan of Essex. Anyone wishing to see what this Lotto thing is all about, should send 20p., and we will send copies of the four page sheet with your next report, post free.

Expected soon: <TX> Issue 3(see advert on back page), Free Radio Waves 3, Free Radio Round-Up 5(end of month), Best Of Offshore Echos.

Finally thanks to everyone who sent in cuttings and reports whilst we were away, keeping us informed of events, especially those in Ireland who sent reports from areas not visited by us.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Lots of action around Dublin over the past week. On Thursday, **RADIO NOVA** put the long wave transmitter back on the air, but only on fairly low power, on 254khz. Several reports came in indicating that the signal was being quite well received in most U.K. areas, particularly after dark, and without any external antennae. The station has since switched off the transmitter, but only because of storm force winds and heavy rain at the transmitter site West of Dublin city. Transmissions will resume shortly and reception reports are needed. Please send your report to us, marking the envelope 'Radio Nova' and telling us what the signal is like in your area, whether there is interference from the other station on the same channel, etc., etc. Don't forget to tell us if you are using an aerial or not, and what type of set(communications receiver, portable radio, music centre or whatever). Sybil Fennell returned last Thursday after Christmas holidays and can be heard on afternoon news broadcasts in place of Tony Allan. The "Zoo Crew" seems to have been dropped, and has not been heard since mid-week. Bob Gallico was also away on holiday, but he too has returned after the weekend. Dave Harvey and Cathy Byrne stood in for him during his absence. Someone asked during the week who the English

voice was at the weekend. His name is Richard Jackson and he has done work on Radio Jackie and the Voice of Peace. Nova's FM signal on 103.1mhz., seemed to lack the usual sparkle one comes to expect from the station, but apart from that, everything else seemed to be fine.

Meanwhile, down in the city of Dublin, Q 102 were all excited about the new project "Eye In The Sky" which commenced last Monday(6th). Full coverage on this, can be found in this week's cuttings. Basically, the station is doing what Capitol Radio do in London, and that is fly over the city at peak times, in a helicopter reporting on the traffic below, in the city. The service commenced Monday, and, apart from a few teething troubles with the links being difficult to make out, everything seems to be going fine, although one or two seem to be critical of the service. Anything which can assist the poor Dublin motorist can only be good, and we wish them every success with the project. After a week on the air, the format seems to be five short reports between 08.30 and 09.00 from station boss, Mike Hogan. The whole project is sponsored by Fiat cars. Celtic Helicopters are providing the transport! Back in the studios, the usual excitement of a successful station is noted. A change of line-up occurred last Monday, but due to lack of space, we shall hold this over till next week. Lots of adverts and promos, and good jingles can be heard, and their FM transmissions on 103.5 towards the West, and 102.1,hz., towards the East are the best on the FM band at present, although having said this, their AM transmissions on 819khz., are a bit on the low power side, although, cover Dublin adequately, whereas Nova's 738khz., gets much further afield. New stickers incorporating the "Eye in the sky" project are now being advertised and we are attempting to obtain supplies shortly. Their news service "first in Dublin with the news" occurs(as Radio Monique's does) three minutes to the hour, rather than conventionally after the hour. The proposed move to larger premises at 8 Upper Mount Street has not yet taken place, but we are assured, will, in about a month's time. Competitions and giveaways are the order of the day, and huge poster boards around the city advertise the fact. More are promised we understand, in view of their popularity.

On the North side of the city, Sunshine Radio seem to be advertising heavily in the local press,telling people to tune and hear about all the great sales bargains on offer in the various shops and stores. Some time ago, we mentioned their new presenter, Ernie Gallagher, and that we thought he was no newcomer to the business. We now understand that Ernie was in fact, John Ford of the late Southside Radio. We think Sunshine are the only station running 24 hour news bulletins, but we may be wrong on this.

Apart from the Big Three above, the FM and AM band is quite full of smaller Dublin stations, for example, KISS FM from the city centre, on 104.1 and 94.8mhz., FM., and 1116khz., AM., Capitol Radio on 93.95mhz., 95.7mhz FM, and 1035khz AM., Treble T.R. on 99.5mhz. FM., and 945khz., AM., Community Radio Avelon on 98.6mhz

FM., Radio Dublin on 98.2, 105.3mhz.,FM., and 1188khz AM., I.C.B.S. on 981khz., AM., Radio Na nGael on 1350khz., AM., North Dublin Community Radio on 99.95mhz FM., Community Radio Fingal on 1575khz., B.L.B. Community Radio on 97.8mhz FM., and 657khz AM., who are all regular broadcasters, plus many smaller stations who appear fairly regularly, like, Amanda, Rainbow, WQXI, Southside, B.F.B.S., Charisma, B.A.R.N., and others. The station in Blanchardstown called Echo Community Radio, seems to have closed down. They were on 1071khz. So too, does Radio Dublin's second transmitter on 1152khz., although 1188khz continues as normal.

Going further afield now. In Naas, Co. Kildare, Kildare Community Radio were heard loud and clear on 1413khz., without that awful heterodyne usually associated with this station. One report in suggests that another station around that area may well be on the air, in the evening, called Centre Radio, on about 100.0mhz FM, from Robertstown. We await confirmation on this one though. In Portlaoise, Laois Community Radio were very strong on both 1242khz AM., and 102.1mhz FM. Recently broadcasting from Mountrath, the next town, it is possible that the station may well have changed location, as 'Centrepoint' keeps cropping up. This could be a shopping centre in Portlaoise. Again, we await further info. Radio Carlow was conspicuous by its absence as we passed through this town. In Wicklow, WLBC continued on its successful course, despite torrential rain flooding its basement studios last Tuesday. 1602khz AM and 101.9mhz FM. Travelling South, Arklow as always, came up with Arklow Community Radio on 1251khz.,AM and 99.2mhz FM, although with such low power that once through the town, neither frequency could be received. Still further South, and into Kilkenny, with Kilkenny Community Radio on 1386khz AM., and 100.0mhz FM, with slightly less power than they once used to use. Passing Wexford, Community Radio Wexford could be heard on 1008khz. AM and 101.1mhz FM, whilst Wexford's other station, Horizon Radio, were not on the air, although their carrier was noted on 98.7mhz FM in stereo. Into Waterford, and the city's leading station, ABC Radio, was heard loud and clear on 100.8mhz FM stereo, and on 1026khz AM. Their Tramore relay on 103.1mhz FM was off the air due to storm damage the previous week and their engineers were busy fixing it. The station's studios in Arundel Square were now established and well lived in(the builders were in on our last visit). The station sounded well and plenty of adverts and promos were noted. The other two stations in the town, Waterford Local Radio could be heard on 88.9 and 100.0mhz FM and 1197khz., AM., the latter being stronger than on previous visits. Crystal City Sound, the station in place of Suirside Radio could be heard on 97.9mhz FM, and 1332khz., AM., although we did not think that their listenership was terribly large.

Going the opposite way now, North from Dublin city, and into Drogheda, where Heady Eddie was well into his "Afternoon Delight", programme, at the same time, painting the studio

and repairing tape machines! Plenty of success here too, with lots of adverts again, it appears. This station had builders in on our last visit and the results could be observed with new studios and news booths evident. The builders were still there, but building a reception area this time. Other members of the professional team were seen including Kieran Murray, Dermot Finglas and Heady's protégé, Jim Agnew. 1305khz., AM., 99.1 and 98.1mhz FM the frequencies, and of course, Boyneside Radio, the name. The station has two subsidiary outlets, Boyneside North on 1233khz.,AM., and Boyneside Kells on 1323khz., AM., and 100.3mhz FM. Both have their own identities, but carry certain programmes and news reports from Drogheda at times. Kells was visited and sat proudly at the top of the hill at the end of the town, housed in Monaghan's Sports Centre. The aerial could be seen for miles, with the Boyneside flag fluttering in the breeze. Heard in this area, but not visited, were Hometown Radio in Castleblayney, on 981khz., AM.,(and 98.6mhz., FM.), Big 'M' Community Radio in the same town, on 1404khz., AM., with a very strong signal, (and also on 104.0mhz FM.), Erneside Radio on 1251khz., AM., with a big signal from Belturbet, on the border. The latter three stations carry masses of advertising for Northern Ireland, as do most stations in this area. Further afield, in County Mayo, a station reported recently from Claremorris on 1332khz., is apparently emanating from Ballyhannis and is called Mid West Radio. It also has an outlet on 98.45mhz FM. No further news on this station is known, but we hope some will be forthcoming in due course. Breffni Community Radio were heard very well in the midlands area, on 1161khz. Apparently the station has gone 24 hours a day, and intends to move back to 1170khz., once the conditions improve. In Longford, Central Radio are having problems with ESB(electricity supply), and are currently off the air, although hope to be back once the problems are sorted out, on 1035khz. It is not known whether Longford Community Radio are off or on at present, on 1071khz. They too, seem to have had some problems. Once again, further afield, and up in County Donegal, North West Community Radio from Buncrana, on 1296khz., AM., have once again, moved channel, this time to 1116khz. AM. Reception in Scotland is reported quite good, but here, KISS in Dublin block out any signal. Interference from BBC World Service is the reason given. Back in the Midlands, Radio West still give out a powerful signal on 765khz.,AM., and now on 94.0mhz FM., too. The station are once again asking for disc-jockeys and sales persons. The turnover of disc-jockeys seems quite high here. No reports from Galway, we were once again unable to get to see WLS Music Radio. Likewise, we were unable to visit either Limerick(we are desperate for reports from this city) or Cork, although we have two reports from the latter, from Ian Biggar and Siobhan Cronin. Due to Ian's report being very comprehensive, we have decided to hold this item over until next week, therefore, finally we have just one report from the Cork area.

Leeside Sound, on 101mhz FM only, is a new station, set up in new premises at 4 North Mall, Cork. Tel: 397797. Test transmissions began on 22nd December last and the station are currently broadcasting from 08.00 till 01.00 weekdays, 08.00 till 03.00 at weekends. The equipment is fairly basic and the line-up reads:- 08.00, Eric Young....10.00, Housewives Choice....13.00, Bob Stevens....15.30, Alan Jones....18.00, Tea-time Express with Tony Reid....20.00, Derek Jackson/Anne Harris....22.30, Kevin Roche. Most of these presenters have spent time with Caroline Cork and the old and new South Coast Radio. Derek Jackson was on Radio Sunshine Cork, which now seems completely defunct.

South Coast Radio, have taken the medium wave transmitter off the air as parts are awaited from Dublin. Meanwhile, main presenter, Rob Allen has left the station to join.....

WBEN. The station is currently running a competition for 6 Pulsar Quartz watches, whereby the winner must have correctly identified three songs, whose intros are played every twenty minutes or so. The address being broadcast is 37 Cook Street, Cork. It appears that the majority of WBEN's listenership is from city centre shops and stores who favour its clutter free format. No D.J.'s are expected to be heard for at least another month. Our thanks this week to ever so many people who helped with information etc.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

The station is presently very short-staffed, but further presenters are due very soon. Split shifts of six hours for each D.J. are the order of the day. Rough weather over the Christmas period changed very quickly into hot summery for the New Year period and staff were seen sunbathing. New Year's Eve saw the transmission of the Peace Top 60, compiled from the charts of the year plus D.J. favourites. Daevid Fortune has now left, and has been replaced once again by Gary 'B' as VOP P.D. Present line-up reads :- 06.00, Breakfast with Dave James....09.00, Morning Show with Greg Fairlie....12.00 Afternoon Show with Ralph Lister....15.00, Kassach....16.00, Drive-Time with Pete Jeffries....18.00, Twilight Time with Ralph Lister....19.30, Classical with Pete Jeffries....21.00, AM/FM Split..AM International Music, FM Nightstars with Greg Fairlie....00.00, Midnight with Mark Edwards....03.00, Nightbeat with Pete Jeffries. Gary 'B' currently on shore leave.

CAROLINE.

A very similar line-up this week with no changes in staff at all, although one or two shows are occasionally swapped about. "Overdrive 963" continues, with album tracks, whilst 558 has the more 'poppy' sound to it. A change of staff is imminent we think. Just going off the present subject for a moment, Albert E. Ford writes and quotes from a copy of FRC Newscaster of early 1978, in which it says...." It is a fairly well known secret that Caroline are planning to leave Mi Amigo on 319 and use a new channel of 557khz(539m), assuming the problems associated with aerials and insulators at this low frequency can be overcome." So, they were thinking about

that frequency long before Essex and Laser were even dreamt about.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LIVERPOOL.....Logged from that city last weekend, Radio Merseywaves on 1242kHz. with their new schedule mentioned in previous reports, Mersey FM on 103.8mhz., from the centre of the city area, according to a telephone number given out, Central Radio, on 1404kHz., also relayed by Concept Radio on 104.4mhz FM(this transmission on 1404kHz was audible in Dublin on Sunday), Concept Radio with own programmes after 18.00, Commodore Radio on 104.8mhz FM(Saturdays only), and Deeside Community Radio on 96.4mhz FM. An unidentified station on 90.7mhz., FM., was logged during the week. Apparently, Storeton Community Radio are coming back on the air, on AM and FM this time. Liverpool Report is on sale each week, compiled by Tim Jackson, 10p with "WR", 20p on its own, from our address.

LEEDS...Radio Radar on 104.2mhz FM stereo once again on Sunday.

MIDLANDS AND LONDON..No reports in.

SHORT WAVE STATION LOG..12th JAN.'86.

6200khz...RADIO 22, at 10.10 and 10.30gmt.
6200khz...FALCON RADIO, at 10.54 & 10.56gmt.
6200khz...4 FREEDOMS W.S., at 13.00 & 13.05.
6210khz...RADIO 48, at 13.05gmt.
6230khz...RADIO 48, at 11.45 & 11.47gmt.
6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 09.10 and 10.04.
6260khz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 09.56gmt.
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.32.
6280khz...RADIO LIBERTY SOUND, at 11.03.
6290khz...4 F.W.S. via Osaka 2, at 11.15gmt.
6310khz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 09.57.
6317khz...RADIO NEMESIS INT., at 1013gmt.
6340khz...F.M.T.R., at 09.00gmt.
6400khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 09.56gmt.
7350khz...RADIO 101, at 09.10gmt.

Loggers today, Podney R. Sixe and Glenn Hocking both in Cornwall. Many thanks for all other logs sent in.

That's about all the space we have this week, just room left for a couple of adverts. Other reports held over till next week.

It's party time at **AIR RAID** (any excuse), as we congratulate the winners of the first ever **AIR RAID PRIZE DRAW**. Congrats. to P. Tilt of Crawley who gets to choose 3 **AIR RAID TAPES**, and B. Robinson of Leyland who wins a year's subscription to the wonderful **FREE RADIO WAVES**. Prize winners have been notified directly. The draw was made on 9th January at **AIR RAID HQ** by FRW editor, Simon Parry. The second **AIR RAID** free prize draw will be announced during February in **WEEKLY REPORT**.

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TX Magazine enters 1986 with another 32 page issue, packed with features more in-depth than the deep end of the local pool, no personality interviews (anyone out there want to talk to us?). news harder than tungsten (and easier to read!), more humour than Tom Anderson's show! It all adds up to 42. no er, Britain's other most informative radio magazine!

* In the first of a two part feature called The Pirates and The Law we look at the laws affecting landbased pirates, and how they're implemented. Find out how they affect you as a listener!

* There's Rumbblings, a humorous, intelligent and always controversial column from London's top advert maker, Christopher England! This time find out what the large object owned by a Caroline DJ is, along with how Caroline get their supplies!

* The Eric File finds out the facts about London's most feared DTI man. Each month looking at a pirate's close encounters of the FOURTH Kind! In TX 3, you'll be able to read about Horizon's recent appearance in court!

* This month's book review casts a critical eye over Rebel Radio by John Hind and LWR Jock Steve Mosco!

* Your first comments about the state of radio in London are aired in Listening In!

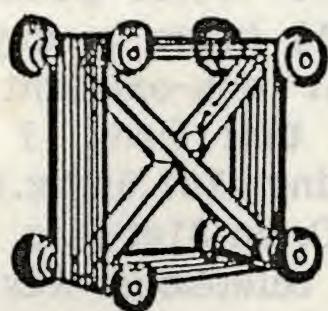
* You'll find an entry form giving you the last chance to win a £10 record token in a survey of the year's best and worst!

* There's an 18 page round-up of all the free radio activity in the London area, with reports on 24 stations; plus a new quick reference guide to where on the band you'll find what you want!

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No. 90....19th JANUARY 1986.

At last, back on schedule following the break. All back orders have now been despatched with the exception of one or two items, still out of stock. Apologies to those who have had to wait for their loop frame aerials, these, too, have now been despatched.

Cuttings: This week we have two B4 sheets with news about Calderdale Sound from last Sunday's Observer, two items about Hertford's Radio Fiona, news of Blackpool's K 104 and the results of their appeal, two pieces of news about pirates in the Belfast area and a tribute to Buster from Robert Hadgraft in the Ipswich Evening Star. Price for this week's cuttings is 20p plus an SAE. You can join the "Cuttings Club", simply send £5.00 if you already subscribe to "WR", and you will receive each week's cuttings along with the report, irrespective of number of pages. No back-dating of subscriptions with "CC", but all back copies can be purchased at the price listed each week right here. Watch for special offers on parcels of back cuttings from time to time.

In the line of new merchandise this week, we have....the latest issue of **FREE RADIO WAVES**, No.3. As always, excellent in all ways with general coverage of all free radio, plus interviews and lots lots more. Particularly well laid out and printed and well worth the 80p charged for it. Copies of same are available from ourselves, or from the editor, Simon Parry, who also has for sale accompanying cassette tapes. Also out on the same day this week, <TX> **LONDON'S ALTERNATIVE RADIO MAGAZINE**. This magazine is also 32 pages, again, well laid out and printed but this time, as the name implies, all about the London pirates. Send 90p for this one to ourselves.

Still awaited, Free Radio Round-Up Issue 5 and "The Best of Offshore Echos". A couple of special offers have cropped up this week....The double album, "**FLASHBACK '67**" normally retailing at £10.00, can be purchased for a limited period only for just £2.99 plus postage and packing of £1.01(making a total of £4.00 to send). Also, the EAP, Radio Nostalgia series of cassettes which used to retail at £6.99 plus postage and packing, can now be purchased for a limited period, for just £3.50 plus 50p postage(making a total of £4.00 to send). Titles available in this series...."Searching The Ether", "The Johhnie Walker Interview", "The Ronan O'Rahilly Interview", "The Robbie Dale Interview" and "The Early Pirates".

Other items to reach our desk this week....another new one! "The Free Radio Rendevu".....Issue 2(what happened to issue 1?). All about shortwave, very detailed indeed, especially the logs, very similar to Radiotelex, certainly packed with interesting info, A4 sheets also, like RT. Details can be obtained from TFRR, c/o Pengarth, Pennance Lane, Lanner, Redruth, Cornwall, TR16 5TW. Subs. are £4.00 for ten copies (U.K.), but no doubt, 50p or two IRC's will get you a sample copy. Talking about Radiotelex, it's back! Yes, complete with a new editor. Their new address is RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100, Duisburg 12, West Germany. Subs. are now £10.00 for a year(U.K.) and for that you get 26 issues. We will send a sample copy for 40p, but subs. must be then taken out with RT. Anyway, welcome back RT, it's looking good. Finally, Offshore Print-Out, Issue Vol 3/No.1(January) is now out, and

covers mainly the offshore stations as the name implies. 20p plus an SAE(large) will get you a copy of this six double side pages magazine, from Mark S. Keable, 9 Rondon Close, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9XW(Note new address).

Finally in this opening section, we have been asked by various magazine editors if one or two more people could write in with information, news, stories, in fact anything at all of interest to the readers. We are lucky, we have lots of people writing in with info(keep it up!), but others not so lucky....<TX>/....write with London info to the editorial address..<TX>, BCM Box 225, London WC1N 3XX. Free Radio Waves, general news to Simon Parry, "Flagstones", West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1TA. Offshore Echos news to Chris Edwards c/o AUK address and finally Free Radio Round-Up news to Russell Jackson at AUK address.

On to radio news now, and it is nice to be able to report better daylight medium wave radio conditions again, and we are only a month after the shortest day. Also, American dx-ing still seems to be good with several excellent openings on a number of nights in the last week.

IRELAND....All eyes(and radios) have been on 254khz throughout the week, to see if **RADIO NOVA** once again tested on longwave. Eager listeners were not disappointed, especially Friday night/Saturday morning, as Nova appeared there with tests once again. Not many written reports have yet reached us, but this is not really surprising, as the station did not really appear for any length of time till the end of the week. General feeling is that the signal travels well into the U.K., despite being only on 6 - 7 kw. Several telephoned reports indicated that the signal was audible but rather weak. However, after this fact was reported, modulation was turned up considerably, which improved reception somewhat, although, ideally, extra output power is what is called for, although we understand that this may not be possible at this point in time due to the complex aerial system used for these low frequency transmissions, not being able to handle much higher power. According to newspaper reports, RTE intend to come on 254khz soon, so Nova may well have to shift if they do. One logger suggested that they could

try 263khz., as the foreign stations on this channel are well away from Western Europe. 254khz., meanwhile, has a North African station on it, which, even in daylight, can be heard in the U.K. After dark, this station tends to swamp Nova with its massive output.

Apart from this, little news of note from Nova this week, a settled line up once again with Colm Heyes, Tony McKenzie, George Talbot, John O'Hara, Richard Jackson, Paul Kavanagh all being heard, along with Bob Gallico and Sybil Fennell on news.

Down in the city, **Q 102** have got themselves a spread in this weekend's Sunday World, about the "Eye In The Sky". We shall no doubt get copies of same for next week's cuttings. In the meantime, we have obtained a picture of Q's Mike Hogan plotting his morning's course with a colleague, along-side their craft. Space permitting, it will be re-produced on the back page.

Sean Brady reports from inland....**RADIO WEST**, are advertising for presenters following the sudden departure of John Dwyar. His place is currently being filled by Mike McCartney, who in addition, is presenting his own show "Night-Flight" each evening. 765khz.AM., 94.0mhz FM. **LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO** made a brief return recently on 1071khz. AM., but other than that, it has been off the air for over a fortnight. **CENTRAL RADIO**, also from Longford has been off the air too, but it is not certain whether or not they are back on 1035khz AM. **BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO** suffered some gale damage recently and some breaks in transmission were inevitable. Repairs have now been carried out and the station is back on full power on 1161khz.AM. The storms also affected **CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO** and their transmission hut was struck causing much damage to the transformers. As a result, the station went off the air on Wed. night/Thursday morning(8th/9th), and did not really get itself back with a decent signal until Saturday 11th Jan. Things are reported now, back to normal, and we can in fact hear the station chugging along, under Q 102, here in Blackpool. **ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO** on 1251khz AM., heard loud and clear in the Midlands area, have been leaving their carrier on, well after mid-night of late. Does this mean they are about to go 24 hours we wonder.

Now, held over from last week, Ian Biggar's Cork report. Ian is currently residing in Ballycotton, near Cork City, for a very short period, and he writes...."**COMMUNITY RADIO YOUGHAL** are very strong here in Ballycotton, on 1485khz.AM., but only weak on FM., 99.0mhz. The station is currently running from 11.30 till 18.30 daily, with lots of commercials. If any of the pirates deserve a licence, it's CRY, as they do serve the community well. The AM signal is really good quality. **SOUTH COAST RADIO** are currently serving Cork City on 102.0mhz FM in mono, with variable audio quality. The only resemblance this station has with the former SCR, is the name, it must be added. A few of the old jingles are used, along with a new set, which

must rate as one of the worst packages ever. The station is running 24 hours a day, and the advertising is just about non-existent, in fact, I only heard one, for a taxi firm. I did notice a new station, announcing 101.5mhz.FM., using the name, **LEESIDE SOUND**, on 31st Dec. No adverts were heard, but a Cork telephone was given out for requests etc. **WBEN** are putting out a nice stereo signal on 98.2mhz FM., with a 24 hour service. The station is situated in Marlborough Street, above Rockies Fast Food Restaurant, the owner of which is reputed to be a backer. Peter O'Neill(ex CBC, City, SCR and ERI) is said to be behind the station, and indeed, his voice can be heard on commercials. The station's music policy seems to be one of continuous adult music, interspersed with WBEN jingles, but with no news broadcasts. No announcers were heard all the time I was listening. The station can become a little boring with this format, and it appears that ERI will not be affected financially, although it is still expected to attract a fairly large audience. In Bandon, Co. Cork, **WKLR** is operating 07.00 till 02.00 daily on 1503khz., using an RCA famous "ET" rig, and on 100.0mhz FM. in mono. A relay is also in operation to the West Cork town of Skibbereen on 98.0mhz FM. The station covers a large, but not terribly well populated area, nevertheless, it seems to be doing quite well as regards advertising. **NORTH CORK COMMUNITY RADIO** are also heard daily on 1386khz.,AM. mixing with **KILKENNY COMMUNITY RADIO** on the same channel. A very similar operation to CRY here, with quite a bit of commercial traffic noted. Conspicuous by their absence this time is Radio Caroline Cork and Radio Sunshine Cork, maybe there is some connection with their disappearance and the emergence of Leeside Sound".

Ian goes on to list all stations logged at his address, but this information will be used to produce a new Irish station list later this week.

A number of people recently, have written in saying that RTE sound very good, no doubt due to the number of pirate presenters they have 'borrowed'. Ian has compiled a list of these presenters and it reads as follows..... Marty Whelan(ex Marty Hall on Radio Dublin and the Big 'D'. Ronan Collins(ex Alternative Radio Dublin). Ian Dempsey(ex ARD). Dave Fanning(ex Radio Dublin and Big 'D'). Gerry Ryan(ex ARD). Barry Lang(ex Capitol Radio and ARD). Mark Cagney(ex CBC Cork). Steve Bolger(ex CBC Cork). Simon Young(ex Big 'D'). BP Fallon(ex pirate-which station?). Andy Ruane(ex Southside Radio as Paul Nicholas, ex Sunshine Radio as Andy Rua). Mike Maloney(ex Big 'D', Radio Leinster and Radio Nova as Mike Moran). Tony Fenton(ex ARD, Sunshine and Nova). Hugh O'Brien(ex Big 'D', Southside Radio and Radio Nova). John Clarke(ex Dublin, Big 'D', ARD, 257, KELO and Nova). Robbie Irwin(producer)(ex early pirates). Richard Crowley(ex Richard Kenny of Radio Donegal, Radio Carousel and Boyneside Radio).

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

No news reports from this area this week, but news of new presenters on their way out there,

and they are....the return of Dave Asher(19th January), Keith Lewis(26th January) and Adam Webb(2nd February). It is not certain at this stage who is actually coming off the ship first.

CAROLINE.

A change of staff this week! At last, did we hear someone say? Kevin Turner, formerly of Radio Nova Italy, Radio Sovereign(London) and Suirside Radio in Waterford, appeared on Saturday, bringing a fresh sound to the station. In addition, Dave Andrews also returned, and has duly been heard since. Also heard over the weekend, a female, in the night,(Jenny McKenzie?) Tom Anderson, Andy Johnson, Peter Philips. Missing John Ford? Graham Vega? Fergie, we are not too sure about as yet. Gig Guide seems to have been dropped. LOTTO 6/49 has been altered, with split information(aired at different times). The mid-day news has been moved to 13.00. Tom Anderson has been doing double shifts, in fact yesterday, he did possibly eight hours at one go! Apart from that, everything as normal once again with no major problems(or competition!). Stop Press: Fergie is on the ship, just identified.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LIVERPOOL. Just two stations heard this weekend, Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., with an excellent signal into Blackpool, but without station owner, Burt Williams once again, although they tell us he will return next week. Central Radio were also logged, on about 1404khz., but slightly off channel, causing a heterodyne with an Irish station on 1404 also. No others have been heard, but presenters on Merseywaves have been heard to mention other FM stations like Concept, so, it

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 1986.

6200khz...**RADIO 22, FALCON RADIO, FOUR FREEDOMS**(all relayed by I.R.R.S.), at 1030, 1130 & 1330.

(The latter moved to 6202khz., to avoid interference from a legal station)

6210khz...**PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE**, at 02.30 till 04.30gmt.

6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**(from the East Coast of Ireland) with Jim Agnew, Heady Eddie and Kieran Murray's Free Radio Show), at 09.55 till 14.25gmt. Medium wave and FM are promised soon.

6260khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL**, at 09.15 till 13.05gmt.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 11.30 till 13.05gmt.

6290khz...**FOUR FREEDOMS ETC.**, at 11.00 and until 13.00gmt.

6299khz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 09.30 till 14.30.gmt.

6300khz...**RADIO NOVA HOLLAND**, at 13.20 till 14.25gmt.

6300khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1324 to 14.25gmt.

6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND INTERNATIONAL**, at 10.28 until 13.05gmt.

6317khz...**RADIO NEMESIS INTERNATIONAL**, at 11.00gmt.

6320khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, at 09.10 until 16.00gmt.

6330khz...**RADIO PAMELA** at 09.30gmt.

6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 10.00gmt., with a terrible signal.

Loggers today were Paul Dunlop of The Free Radio Rendevu, who incidentally has a very good list of short wave station addresses which can be obtained from him for just 35p per copy(address for TFRR is elsewhere in the report), he tells us, and ourselves for the period, mid-day till 13.00gmt.

In December/January Radio Tutenchamun made some test transmissions via Radio Milano International on 7295khz.(at different times). When it is known whether these test transmissions were successful or not, they plan to make regular transmissions via RMI. Apart from that, Radio Tutenchamun broadcasts every second Sunday via Radio Delmare on 6205khz. The next transmission will be on 9th February.

AIR RAID NEWS: We now have another **RADIO NETHERLANDS/"MEDIA NETWORK"** tape(C.90) with two programmes. 1. January 9th with yet more news of **STEREO 531**, an obit. on Buster Pearson, **VOA Europe**, a new Irish data-base, **RADIO EARTH** and medium wave trans-Atlantic DX. 2. January 16th with a five minute report on **STEREO 531** by Tom de Munck, naming names and placing places! Also news of UN Radio's closure, a substantial review of **WRTH86** and Media Quiz 86. This tape costs just £2.50. Cheques etc., payable to **R.SCOTT**. Order No. **ART 183**.

must be assumed that some lower power FM stations can be heard in the city.

LEEDS. Radio Radar heard today in that city, in stereo, on 104.2mhz.

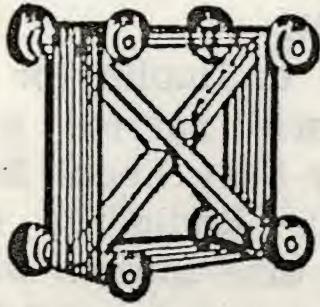
MIDLANDS. Dave Small reports PCRL on 103.6mhz with 70 watts of power, daily 12.00 till 04.00 and 24 hours at the weekends. Staff have mentioned that a court case is to take place on Tuesday(Merseywaves staff mentioned one in their area too). Apparently, the station is doing well, and many adverts are noted. Also heard in that area, Radio Mi Amigo from Telford on 103.4mhz.

BLACKPOOL. K 104 operator, recently fined £250 and all equipment confiscated, appealed and at his hearing at the Crown Court last week, got all his gear back and had his fine reduced to £195. Full newspaper reports can be found in "Cuttings".(Transmitter confiscated of course)

LONDON. After London Greek Broadcasting close down at mid-night, their English engineers are now running a Radio Expansion on 105.2mhz. Maidstone's Radio Atlantis were heard today on 103.7mhz from 15.00 till 18.00. Starpoint were logged on Saturday on 88.6mhz., and they went through till Sunday afternoon, then promptly disappeared. ?? Flashback Radio were noted at 15.00 today, on 90.4mhz. Alice's Restaurant, as usual on 93.0mhz. J.B.C. returned on Saturday on 104.9mhm. Heavy Metal Radio 94.2mhz heard Wednesday's from 20.00. South East Sound were not actually logged, but there was a station off channel around their spot on the dial, playing old tapes, then relaying Capitol!

FREE RADIO WAVES is our biggest issue to date, with thirty two pages of in-depth features, personality interviews and hard news. There's part three of our chat with Alan West that includes his role in the return of the '70's Caroline and his eventful ILR career. We talk to John Lewis during his shore leave and find out how Charlie Wolf is faring at Radio Orwell. Voice of Peace D.J., Dave Asher gives his personal appraisal of station boss, Abie Nathan. Andrew Swaine interviews LBC presenters Steve Allen and Allan King and discovers Allan's free radio past! Stuart Clark spends two weeks on the M.V. Manor Park in Sunderland and the American Dream returns to Vancouver for a look at the city's alternative radio. There's news on Stereo 531, your letters in Freepost, reviews, transmitter offers and much, much more. Send 80p., made payable to Simon Parry, to "Flagstones", West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA, or order your copy of Britain's most informative radio magazine from Anoraks U.K.





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Looking at the copy we have already for this week's report, it would seem like we are producing "Exchange and Mart" what with all the adverts. We will take very small adverts, free of charge, but prefer to see them appear in our associate magazines, although we also appreciate that this report is weekly whereas others are monthly, two monthly, and often much longer between issues, so if it is something important, we don't mind at all, but do keep it brief.

We should like to thank everyone who sent in Nova long wave reception reports. These are being analysed and studied and forwarded to Radio Nova in Dublin. Since we asked for reports, the power has been doubled to about 15kw., so we still need some more reports from different people in different areas. All people this next week or so, who send in a report, will be sent a Nova and a Magic car sticker free.

On the subject of thanks, as usual, many thanks indeed for all the reports and cuttings you keep sending us. Your help is appreciated greatly, and helps to make the report worth reading each week.

A number of people keep writing in asking if we know of anyone selling radios, communications receivers etc. If you have a set for sale, for example, you may have upgraded your set, let us know and we can pass this info on via the pages of "WR".

Finally in this opening section, the following people wish to swap tapes(notably Laser tapes), if you are interested, drop them a line, not us.....Rob Chapman, 5 Parkwood St., St. James, Northampton.....Bill Smith, 69 Victoria Road, Netley Abbey, Southampton SO3 5DQ....T.P.Joyes, 47 Sanctuary Close, St. Johns, Worcester, WR2 5PY.

The Cuttings: Again, two B4 sheets this week(and a few bits held over!) with a number of stories from the South East newspapers, about Radio Caroline, Raffles the Caroline dog, "fire of board the Communicator"(two reports), more DTI action, Radio Merseywaves in Liverpool...their recent court case(two reports) and further reports about Dublin's Q 102 and their "Eye in the sky". Quite a good selection this week, and the price....20p plus an SAE. You can receive the cuttings every week, with your report, simply send us £5.00, and for one year, we will send you all the cuttings we produce, each week, irrespective of number of sheets. We are sorry but we cannot back date any cuttings subscriptions at all. Back copies are however, on sale, at the price listed right here, each week. From time to time special offers on parcels of back cuttings are made. Only "WR" subscribers can avail of "CC".

will get a sample sticker and lists.

New magazines reaching the news desk this week.....**CRYSTAL BALL**(Editorial address....190 Monument Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 8UU). This newsheet costs only 10p! Well that's what it says! Don't forget an SAE though. All the Midlands news in this one, plus more. **MEDIUM WAVE NEWS**(published by the Medium Wave Circle)Vol 31 Number 7. January '86. Only available on subscription of £5.00. Details from Steve Whitt, 103 Foxhall Road, Ipswich Suffolk, IP3 8JZ. Recommended.**THE MIGHTY KBC NEWSLETTER No.4 '85**. Very good little Dutch magazine, printed in English, with lots of short wave info within. Subscription only, send 10 Guilders(about £2.50, or the equivalent in IRC's) and get a Ross Revenge mini poster now, to GN Prod., Postbus 38, 6744 Ederveen, Holland.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. RADIO NOVA is back in the news again! The long wave tests continue(we still need reception reports, see earlier). Following a short break early week when further work was carried out on the aerial system, the 254khz transmitter duly came alive early on Wednesday morning with a noticeable increase in power. In Blackpool, the signal was very good and quite strong during daylight, not quite as good after dark, as the Algerian station jostled for prominence. People in the extreme South or extreme North will be able to receive the station in very good quality after the Algerian station closes down at 00.05. The one very noticeable thing was the fact that, one did not need an aerial to listen, unlike the medium wave transmissions(an aerial did help, but not many people have long wave aerials anyway). The transmitter has remained on for the best part of the period since Wednesday, apart from very short breaks for adjustments.

The second news item from Nova came

New merchandise: Not much this week, but we are pleased to inform you that we have finally got around to printing a new Irish station list and address list. Send 30p for a copy(stations are on one side and addresses etc., on the other). Also, we have Ian Anderson's updated Medium Wave Radio Stations of the British Isles now available at 60p and his FM version at 80p. You may avail yourself of both copies at the special price of £1. Latest issues of Monitor(32) Offshore Echos(59), Free Radio Waves(3) and <TX>(3) are still selling very well and we suggest you send at once for your copy. We are still hopeful of further stocks of Radio Caroline Posters(not the Top 500 one) and Laser 558 posters and Radio Caroline car stickers very soon. We apologise for the delay here. Gary Neale of Riverside Records and Tapes(address "Park View" Makeney Road, Milford, Derby DE3 ORU) has lots of stickers for sale, printed by them, send an SAE., and you

last night(Saturday). Following the changeover at 19.00, none other than Dave Johnson(welcome back) was heard. Dave was involved with the National Union of Journalists strike which has been going on for a long time. Apparently, some discussions took place during the week, between the strikers and Nova, and the result was Dave Johnson, Chris Barry, George Long all re-joining the old team. The above three were joined by ex-Q 102 and Sunshine Radio's Gary Hammill, making a total of four returning. A full news service was immediately implemented and the station sounded that much better at once. Competitions were announced by a rather nervous(not surprising) Dave Johnson.

Q 102. The station continues to hog the newspaper columns with yet further stories about "Eye In The Sky"(see "CC"). They have lost one news-reader this week(Gary Hammill) but gained a new presenter(Noel Collins). New stickers are being advertised and space permitting, we shall re-produce one on the back page of this issue.

SUNSHINE RADIO who we mentioned recently as being the only station running 24 hours per day news service is now running a promo for this service.

KISS FM. This station has a new cliche, heard rather a lot of late...."the switch is on". The station can be heard on medium wave over on this side, on 1116khz., but with some difficulty due to Radio Derby and **NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO**. Correspondence from the latter station received during the week tells us that they operate from 28 Lower Main Street, Buncrana, Co. Donegal...Tel. (077) 61454. Transmission times are 07.00 till 02.00 daily with a reputed power of 3kw. In addition, an FM service operates on 98.1khz. Station manager is Russ Padmore, formerly with ABC in Waterford and Radio West in Mullingar. Some of the other staff members previously worked with Radio Donegal some time back. NWCR covers both sides of the border and reception reports have been received from Germany and Scandinavia. Plans are in hand for stereo FM, and extra relays, in addition to a local news service.

LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO, reported on in a recent issue, does in fact still broadcast from Mountrath and has no plans for changing, but does have branch studios in Portlaoise which link back to Mountrath. The reference made to "Centrepoin", a shopping arcade in Portlaoise, was that the station broadcast for three hours per day as a sponsored promotion for two weeks in the run up to Christmas. A kiosk was set up in the centre of the building and the broadcasts were made from there. A 'Dave' formerly with Radio Jackie has been working on the station for a spell. He has now left.(Dave Small??). Station manager and chairman, William Fitzpatrick would like to thank all the people who took time out recently to send in reception reports as requested in recent "WR"s, following a move to 1242khz. William goes on to say that the station is now looking for a new logo, so if anyone is a bit artistic see what you can come up with. The address to send your works of art to, is Laois Community Radio, c/o Fitzpatricks Electrical, '100' Mountrath,

Co. Laois, Eire. Current frequencies...1242khz., and 102.1 and 102.8mhz FM.

Briefly, going back to Dublin for a moment, last Sunday's Sunday World carried a full page advertisement paid for by Bray Local Broadcasting and Tallaght Community Radio in support of community radio. Nothing else unusual was reported from Dublin. Radio Galaxy was logged last Sunday over lunchtime, on 1530khz., in Dublin. Radio Dublin are reported to be using reduced power on 1188khz. Meanwhile 1152khz remains off the air, as does 9610khz. Community Radio Fingal, on 1575khz., from the North of the county has been missing for a couple of days, which enabled us today to receive an unidentified signal on the off-channel frequency of 1570khz., playing traditional Irish music. The audio was rather low and the signal was weak and no announcements or ID's were noted. The direction of our aerial suggests Northern Ireland, which means that we should include this in the Land-based section. However, as we are not sure, we shall continue here. Newspaper reports, and reports from our colleagues in Belfast mention Radio Feirste on medium wave since the beginning of the year with programmes in the Irish language. Could these two be linked? Also from Derry(not sure which side of the border or the frequency) is reported City Sound Radio on FM).

Finally in Ireland, a colleague rang RTE during the week to enquire about long wave transmissions and was told that RTE did in fact, intend to put on a long wave service, on 254khz., but not for a couple of years. 500kw. was the power mentioned.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports from this area this week, although we did receive one telephone call on Thursday telling us that the ship was in Ashdod harbour due to a generator break-down. As a result the station was not on the air, but no further details are yet known.

LASER. Not much to report yet again, apart from several South Eastern newspapers covering the story of the fire, which in the end turned out to be a faulty boiler. Little damage was apparently caused. Full newspaper reports can be seen in this week's cuttings(see earlier). No buyers for the station have come forward it appears, and the whole saga seems at stalemate.

CAROLINE. The station closed down early on three nights last week, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, at 21.00 for the usual reasons. At closedown, a new version of "Caroline" by the Fortunes was played. We received a new version from Sinfonia Records of Blackpool some weeks ago and wonder could this be the same version(we did not hear the version played on the station). When we find more details on this, we shall pass the info on, as we may well have access to quite a number of copies of this imported Dutch L.P.

Despite poor weather, a tender did make it out there, and new records were noted being played. Early close-down ceased following the tender's arrival.

On the Radio Monique front, change of staff noted there, from the Wednesday, Ad Roberts, Maarten de Jong and Ferry Eden were live on

board. No doubt in place of Jan Weldkamp, Walter Simmons and Wim de Groot. Saturday's(18th) Top Fifty was missing for some reason and taped programmes from Ron West seem to have been missing also for the past couple of weeks. It is wondered from a new promo heard, if there is going to be a new free radio show starting Sunday(today).

Finally, Mike Barrington's voice was heard last Tuesday evening closing down the 963 service at 21.00. He played Vera Lynn's Good-bye then the new version of Caroline.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Today, Radio Merseywaves was heard on 1242khz., and Central Radio on 1413khz. Having moved slowly from 1404 over the past couple of weeks. Burt Williams, station owner of RMW was heard once again on his two hour afternoon, giving a fuller than full report on the court case held during the week(see cuttings). The usual fines were dished out and equipment confiscated, although the DTI have still to find the excellent medium wave transmitter used each week.

A report in from the North Wales area tells us that Deeside Community Radio are back on the air, on 96.2mhz., putting an excellent signal into Deeside and Wirral areas. Current line-up of the station is....09.00 Bobby Vince, 10.00 Les Martin, Noon Paul Zee, 13.00 Mark Jay, 14.00 Pete Jones, 15.00 Richie Diamond, 17.00 Nick Stafford, 19.00 Paul Lloyd, 21.00 Steve Jones, 22.00 Jeff Jones.

Station address....10 Riverside Park, Garden City, Deeside, Clwyd.

The report goes on to say that Storeton Community Radio are coming back on 2nd Feb., as are Radio Annabelle on 2nd March.

The previous week, Tim Jackson in his report informs us that Concept Radio were noted on Saturday and Sunday, on 104.4mhz., relaying Central Radio at times.

LEEDS. Radio Radar again noted in that city on 104.2mhz FM today.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL had their court case adjourned until 18th June, last week, and were then promptly raided yet again, on the Thursday, losing all gear once more. However, by Saturday, they were back on the air, but with only very low power, on 103.8mhz. Radio Mi Amigo were heard again today, with a poor signal, probably due to the distance away from Telford more than anything. 102.6mhz., here. County Radio on 94.0mhz., have not been heard today, but were heard later in the day last Sunday. Finally, Subway Sound were logged last Sunday, from Keele University, on 102.95mhz.

OXFORD. Our reporter Trevor in that city tells us that TVR broadcast last Sunday from noon till 19.00, on 103.2mhz FM. Presenters heard all used just Christian names.

LONDON. Very little news from that area today, although one reporter told us that neither 3 Boroughs Radio nor South East Sound were heard today.

Finally,a snippet of info just in. Daevid Fortune joins Riviera 104 very soon, in place of Dave Windsor, who is due home this week sometime.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR 19.1.86.

Once again, appalling conditions on the bands with hardly anything receivable here, in fact, Cornwall(again) seemed to be the only place to receive anything, so, this is the Cornwall log.

- 6200khz...FALCON RADIO(via IRRS) at 1030gmt.
- 6230khz...BRITAIN RADIO INT.at 0930gmt.(next programme planned for 23rd February '86).
- 6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 0929, 1058 & 1225.
- 6260khz...RADIO SKYWAVES INT., at 0940gmt.
- 6268khz...CAPITOL RADIO, at 1320gmt.
- 6268khz...PIRATES FREAKS B/CASTING S. at 1416.
- 6280khz...RADIO WESTSIDE INT., at 1030 and 1220.
- 6290khz...FOUR FREEDOMS WORLD SERVICE, at 1146 (possibly a wind-up!).
- 6295khz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1100gmt.
- 6295khz...REBEL RADIO ETC.,(via WMR) at 1135gmt.
- 6300khz...UNID., at 1442gmt., with Starboard Sound and Wonderful R.London jingles.
- 6310khz...RADIO IRELAND at 1102gmt.
- 6310khz...PFBS, at 1410gmt.
- 6320khz...FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO, all day.
- 6320khz...RADIO LIBERTY SOUND(via FMTR) at 1505.
- 6400khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 0945gmt.
- 7322(v)kz.RADIO ENOCH, at 1230gmt.
- 7325khz...RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT., at 1030gmt.
- 7340khz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 1115gmt.
- 7350khz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 0919gmt.

Congratulations to Bradley Allen and Steve Ralph on winning competitions in conjunction with FMTR, who go on to tell us that they intend making test transmissions to North America on 22/23rd February and 1/2nd March on 6300khz., from 06.00 till 08.15, thereafter returning to 6320khz., with normal programmes.

Podney R. Sixe reports: Re the logs of Radio Penfold UK on 5.1.86 at 1342gmt., on 6308khz., and at 1345gmt., on 6310khz., I have now heard a tape of this, and the voice is identical to a station who took to the airwaves in January of last year on various 48m frequencies, under the name of Radio London UK with an address of c/o RT 163, P.O. Box 206, Aylesbury, Bucks. No replies to reception reports were ever received as far as I know. The guy QSO'ed on each occasion and he called himself Richard, and claimed to have been involved with Radios Jackie and Floss.

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Shop radio: it's a hit

Professional disc jockey Trevor James is working for one of the more unusual radio stations in Leeds ... in the basement of a clothing shop.

He has helped to build his own studio in the basement of Top Shop, Briggate — and predictably the station is called Radio Top Shop.

Rather than playing the piped "muzak" so often associated with shops, Trevor runs his station along the lines of large channels.

He gives on-the-hour news and weather reports, and updates on motoring in and around the city for the benefit of customers.

And so far the station has had a favourable reaction from shoppers.

Trevor, a former disc jockey on Radio Nova in Dublin, said: "We had a case recently where a woman lost some credit cards and cash, so we asked the customers to keep their eyes out and fortunately they were found."

The station is one of four set up in Top Shops in the North of England recently. The others are at Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle.

Trevor's studio features a smoked-glass panel through which the shoppers can see the DJ at work.

The Top Shop radio stations are operated by Heaton, Knott and Company, a Manchester-based firm.

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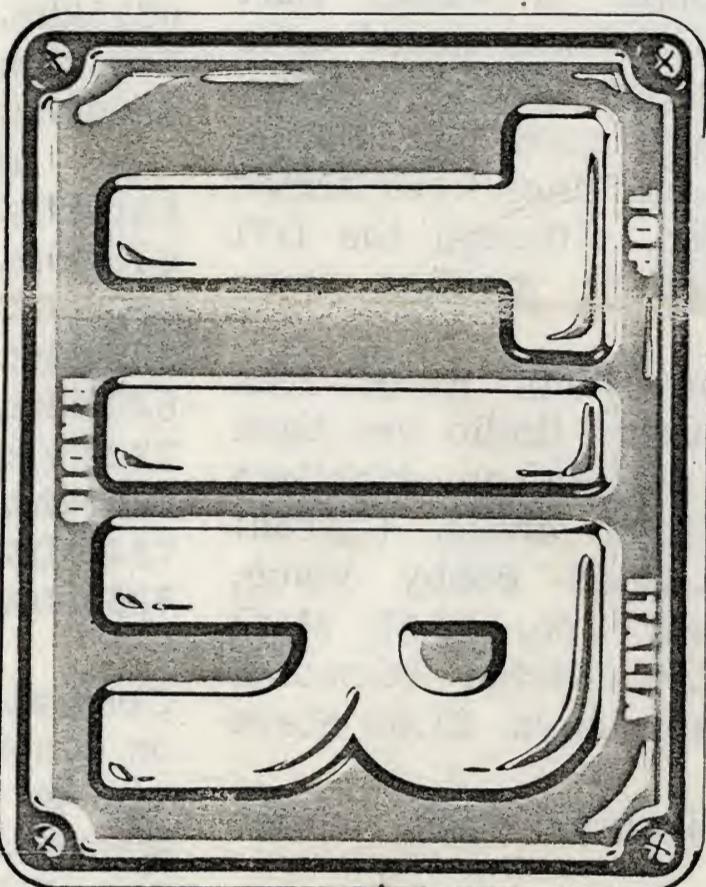
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who wants to set up a small

station in Hebden Bridge on the Yorkshire border.

The trouble is that a lot hangs

on the success or failure of the

pioneering few. Their experience

will be a determining factor in

the tone adopted by the Govern-

ment Green Paper on the future

of community radio now

than one licence.

Stephen O'Brien recognises the

minefield in which he finds him-

self but remains fairly optimistic

about emerging unscathed. "We

will certainly not please every-

one," he says, "but we will

try the experiment has been set

up by the Home Office.

Much of the criticism centres

on the paucity of licences on

offer — 14 small neighbourhood

ones such as Penzance and

Wirral, two large neighbourhood

wants to offer a station specialis-

es in the Shetlands and North

West Wales and three commu-

nity-of-interest ones in London

and Manchester.

The allocation of only two

Richardson's three-man opera-

tion costing about £10,000 to set

up and serving 14,000 people two

hours near satisfying ethnic

Sheikh's 75-man operation cost-

ing £200,000 and broadcasting

potentially to three million.

Advertising is assumed to pro-

vide a wide income

Some groups are workers'

co-operatives, some have broad-

casting experience and include

former pirate stations like

Ludlow's Sunshine Radio and

London's Radio Jackie.

O'Brien, with his professional

interest in economic self-help,

admits to a soft spot for a

station, say in Middlesbrough,

that mixed music with advice to

the young on training for self-

employment.

But his job is to give every

kind of operation a chance to test

the waters. "It may be that only

the hardest-headed businessmen

prove capable of running a

station," he says, "or it may be

that the new opportunities will

tap a much broader and deeper

vein in the community."

Either way, we will at least

begin to know what we mean by

Robin Stringer